

Can Greensboro Count on You?

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Census 2010

Participation in the Census Questions and Answers

Do I have to respond to the 2010 Census?

Yes, your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law-- Title 13 of the United States Code, requires your response.

Can I get paid to complete this form?

No, your participation is required by law. Your participation in the 2010 Census will help ensure that your community receives its fair share of political representation and government funding. In addition, temporary jobs will be provided in your community.

When will I get a Census Questionnaire?

Questionnaires will be mailed to every household by mid-March. Complete the questionnaires and return them as soon as possible.

Can I fill out my form online?

No, at this time the form cannot be filled out online. However, the Census Bureau is exploring ways to utilize the internet in the future.

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Be a Part of History – Participate in the 2010 Census – Be Counted

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You can make history in 2010 by participating in the 2010 Census. Completing and returning your form is one of the most important ways you can contribute to society this year.

Conducted every 10 years, the census provides more than a population count. It provides a new portrait of America –shining light on how our nation has changed in the past decade and what our communities need to prosper for the next 10 years.

Census data inform critical political and funding decisions on the national, state and local level, as well as provide benefits to businesses, social service and non-profit organizations and many others.

"Participation in the census is not dependent on your visa or residency status. The census does not ask about your status (Your information is protected)."

-- Moin Ansari, Founding member of Children of Abraham: American Jewish-Muslim Alliance, and American Christian-Muslim Alliance and Naturalized U.S. citizen



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What if I lost my Census Questionnaire or never received one in the mail?

If you lost or misplaced your questionnaire, call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center at **1-866-872-6868**. (If you prefer a Spanish-speaking operator, dial 1-866-928-2010.) The lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (your local time) seven days a week from February 25, 2010 through July 30, 2010.

Who should fill out the Census Questionnaire?

The head of household should complete the form on behalf of every person living in the residence on April 1, 2010, including relatives and non-relatives. The person filling out the form should include information about all household members (including himself/herself and infants) who live and sleep at the address most of the time. The person also should include people who are staying there on April 1, 2010, who have no permanent place to stay.

Can I get a form in a different language?

The forms are available in six languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Russian and Vietnamese.

Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available to assist those unable to read or understand the census form, and a Language Assistance Guide also will be available in 59 languages at all QAC locations. For QAC locations near you, go to 2010census.gov.

How long will it take to fill out the form?

One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes the average household about 10 minutes to complete.

How is my information protected?

All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including the IRS, FBI, CIA or any other government agency.

The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

How can I keep my information safe?

The easiest way to keep your information safe is to fill out your census form and mail it back right away. Census workers will visit households that do not return a census form starting around the first of May. Look for identification from census takers and remember that the Census Bureau will NEVER ask for social security numbers or for any information to be submitted online.

Complete and return your 2010 Census form by April 1, 2010.

For more information about the City of Greensboro's 2010 Complete Count Committee, and how you can participate, contact:

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COMPLETE COUNT WEBPAGE

http://www.greensboronc.gov/departments/Planning/Census.htm

For more information about the 2010 Census or for information about Census Jobs,

Visit: www.2010census.gov

